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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 11 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/55/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: ____

DETAILED ACTION

Information Disclosure Statement

1. The reference listed in the Information Disclosure Statement filed on June 05, 2008 has been considered by the examiner (see attached PTO-1449 form).

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

2. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 06/05/2008 has been entered.
3. This Office Action is responsive to the RCE and Amendment filed on 06/05/2008. Accordingly, claims 1-10 are currently amended.
4. Applicant's arguments with respect to claim 1-10 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

6. **Claims 1-4, 6-10** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Huang et al. (US Patent Number 6,437,836) in view of Nagasaka et al.

(JP2000370120) or (JP2000370121) or (JP000381519), a translation of (US Publication Number 2004/0085352) which is relied upon for the claim rejections and Inoue (U.S. Publication No. 2001/0042247).

Regarding **claim 1**, Huang et al. discloses an electronic program guide display control apparatus for displaying a part of an electronic program guide on a display screen (see fig 5).

However, Huang et al. fail to specifically disclose the claimed specification point detection unit and scroll control unit, scrolling the display of a display area in response to specification position on the display screen the electronic program guide display control apparatus comprising:

a specification point detection unit for detecting a specification point on the display screen; and

a scroll control unit for scrolling the display of the display area based on a positional relation between the specification point detected by the specification point detection unit and a predetermined point on the display screen,

the screen control unit changes a scroll amount based on a distance from the predetermined point to the specification point, and changes a scroll direction based on a direction of the specification point with respect to the predetermined point when the display is scrolled.

Nagasaka et al. teaches scrolling the display of a display area in response to specification operation on the display screen (see fig 46, paragraphs 0147 and 0405) the electronic program guide display control apparatus comprising:

a specification point detection unit for detecting a specification position on the display screen (see paragraph 0029); and

a scroll control unit for scrolling the display of the display area based on a positional relation between the specification point detected by the specification position detection unit and a predetermined position on the display screen (see paragraph 0362 and 0404).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Huang et al.'s invention in view Nagasaka et al. for the advantage of providing a screen operating device with good operability.

However, Huang et al. and Nagasaka et al. fails to specifically disclose the scroll control unit changes a scroll amount based on a distance from the predetermined point to the specification point, and changes a scroll direction based on a direction of the specification point with respect to the predetermined point when the display is scrolled.

Inoue discloses the scroll control unit changes a scroll amount based on a distance from the predetermined point to the specification point, and changes a scroll direction based on a direction of the specification point with respect to the predetermined point when the display is scrolled (see paragraph 0070).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Huang et al. and Nagasaka et al.'s invention

with the above mentioned limitation as taught by Inoue for the advantage of moving the program guide to a desirable position.

Regarding **claim 2**, Huang et al., Nagasaka et al. and Inoue discloses everything claimed as applied above (see *claim 1*). Huang et al. discloses the electronic program guide display control apparatus (see fig 5).

Nagasaka et al. discloses the apparatus wherein the specification point detection unit detects a point on the display screen pressed by a user with the user's finger as the specification point (see abstract, lines 1-5 and paragraphs 0029 and 0033).

Regarding **claim 3**, Huang et al., Nagasaka et al. and Inoue discloses everything claimed as applied above (see *claim 2*). Huang et al. discloses the electronic program guide display control apparatus (see fig 5).

Nagasaka et al. discloses the apparatus wherein the scroll control unit scrolls the display of the display area based on the specification point detected by the specification point detection unit (see paragraphs 0362-0364).

Inoue discloses a center point of the display screen as the predetermined point (see paragraph 0086).

Regarding **claim 4**, Huang et al., Nagasaka et al. and Inoue discloses everything claimed as applied above (see *claim 3*). Huang et al. discloses the electronic program guide display control apparatus (see fig 5).

Nagasaka et al. discloses the apparatus wherein the scroll control unit scrolls the display of the display area based on a direction from the center point to the specification position and at least one of a distance from the center point to the specification point and specification pressure at the specification point (see paragraphs 0011, 0018 and 0362).

Regarding **claim 6**, Huang et al., Nagasaka et al. and Inoue discloses everything claimed as applied above (*see claim 1*). Huang et al. discloses the electronic program guide display control apparatus further comprising: a broadcast-service-unit regulation unit for regulating a move distance in broadcast service units (see fig 5 (502), column 3, lines 27-29 and column 5, lines 62-63).

Nagasaka et al. discloses regulating a move distance of the scrolling by the scroll control unit (see paragraph 0362).

Regarding **claim 7**, Huang et al., Nagasaka et al. and Inoue discloses everything claimed as applied above (*see claim 1*). Huang et al. discloses the electronic program guide display control apparatus further comprising: a time-unit regulation unit for regulating a move distance in predetermined time units (see fig 5 (505) and column 5, lines 54-63).

Nagasaka et al. discloses regulating a move distance of the scrolling by the scroll control unit (see paragraph 0362).

Regarding **claim 8**, Huang et al., Nagasaka et al. and Inoue discloses everything claimed as applied above (*see claim 1*). Huang et al. discloses the electronic program guide display control apparatus further comprising: a broadcast-service-unit regulation unit for regulating a move distance in broadcast service units (see fig 5 (503), column 3, lines 27-29 and column 5, lines 62-63).

Nagasaka et al. discloses regulating a move distance of the scrolling by the scroll control unit (see paragraph 0362).

Regarding **claim 9**, Huang et al. discloses an electronic program guide display control method comprising (see fig 5):

displaying a part of an electronic program guide on a display screen (see fig 5, column 4, lines 55-56 and column 8, lines 32-35) and scrolling a display area of the electronic program guide (see fig 5 (506 and 507) and column 8, lines 38-44).

However, Huang et al. fail to specifically disclose detecting a specification point on the display screen and scrolling based on a positional relationship between the specification point detected and a predetermined point on the display screen, changing a scroll amount based on a distance from the predetermined point to the specification point, and changes a scroll direction based on a direction of the specification point with respect to the predetermined point when the display are is scrolled.

Nagasaka et al. discloses detecting a specification point on the display screen (see paragraph 0029), and scrolling based on a positional relationship between the

specification point detected and a predetermined point on the display screen (see paragraph 0362 and 0404).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Huang et al.'s invention with the above mentioned limitation as taught by Nagasaka et al. for the advantage of easily manipulating the display screen and providing a screen operating device with good operability.

However, Huang et al. and Nagasaka et al. fails to specifically disclose changing a scroll amount based on a distance from the predetermined point to the specification point, and changes a scroll direction based on a direction of the specification point with respect to the predetermined point when the display are is scrolled.

Inoue discloses changing a scroll amount based on a distance from the predetermined point to the specification point, and changes a scroll direction based on a direction of the specification point with respect to the predetermined point when the display area is scrolled (see paragraph 0070).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Huang et al. and Nagasaka et al.'s invention with the above mentioned limitation as taught by Inoue for the advantage of moving the program guide to a desirable position.

Claim 10 is directed toward embody the method of claim 9 in "computer readable medium". It would have been obvious to embody the procedures of Huang et al.,

Nagasaka et al. and Inoue as discussed with respect to claim 9 in a "computer readable medium" in order that the instructions could be automatically performed by a processor.

7. **Claim 5** is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Huang et al. (US Patent Number 6,437,836), Nagasaka et al. (JP2000370120) or (JP2000370121) or (JP000381519), a translation of (US Publication Number 2004/0085352) which is relied upon for the claim rejections and Inoue (U.S. Publication No. 2001/0042247) as applied to *claim 4* above, and further in view of Nakajima et al. (US Patent Number 7,061,648).

Regarding **claim 5**, Huang et al., Nagasaka et al. and Inoue discloses everything claimed as applied above (*see claim 4*). Huang et al. discloses the electronic program guide display control apparatus (*see fig 5*).

Nagasaka et al. discloses the specification position detected by the specification position detection unit (*see paragraph 0029*).

However, Huang et al., Nagasaka et al. and Inoue fail to specifically disclose an end portion of the display screen wherein the scroll control unit displays content of an end portion positioned in a direction from the center position to the specification position on the display screen.

Nakajima et al. discloses an end portion of the display screen wherein the scroll control unit displays content of an end portion positioned in a direction from the center position to the specification position on the display screen (*see fig 14 and column 15, lines 60-64*).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Huang et al., Nagasaka et al. and Inoue's invention with the above mentioned limitation as taught by Nakajima et al. in order to visibly notify the viewer when the screen session has ended.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Nnenna N. Ekpo whose telephone number is 571-270-1663. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 7:30 AM-5:00 PM EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Brian Pendleton can be reached on 571-272-7527. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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